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If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.



The wind sweeping over the Rock of Gibraltar. (Philip Gendreau)

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1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible. 2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor. 4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that all who repent and are made new are forgiven all and necessary for forgiveness of sins. 5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ. 6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth; through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost. 7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people. 8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart. 9. In speaking and singing to the Lord with an attitude of thanksgiving and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. 10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. 11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement. 12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet. 13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous and to bring them to reign with Him in His Kingdom the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years. 14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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# Pentecostal World Conference

## Jerusalem, Israel, May 19-21, 1961

SLOGAN: "PENTECOST IN JERUSALEM"

**Y**OU ARE CORDIALLY invited to participate in the Pentecostal World Conference which will be held in Jerusalem, Israel, May 19-21, 1961.

Arrangements have been made for a special 24-day tour which will include a comprehensive sight-seeing program in Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, and Israel.

In the days of old, the journey to the Holy Land was long and arduous. Today we are able to make the same journey with speed and comfort.

The spiritual rewards to the modern pilgrim are immeasurable. We will walk together through the ancient streets of Jerusalem and Bethlehem and make a pilgrimage to the most holy places of Christendom. We will return from our trip uplifted and enlightened.

Our leaders and the many missionaries and ministers whom we will meet along the way will help make come alive the historic places which are now mere names. The Bible will assume an enhanced reality and forever after its message will be more personal and enriching.

Come and share the pleasures of good fellowship with us ... turn back the pages of history to His time and for a moment trace the actual footsteps of the Lord.

The all-inclusive rate of \$995 is exceptionally low. Because hotel and transportation facilities in the Near East are not so plentiful as we would wish, membership in the tour must be limited.

### ITINERARY OF 24-DAY TOUR OF THE HOLY LAND

The participants will leave the United States and Canada by air, in groups, between May 5 and 17 and return between May 28 and June 11, 1961. All members will be together in Jerusalem during the Pentecostal World Conference; however, the remaining program will be followed in groups, visiting the different places in rotation. The content of the program will be identical for all members.

The sight-seeing program will include:

#### *Egypt*

**CAIRO:** In this city of mosques, four hundred minarets and domes dominate the skyline. Visit the Citadel and within it the mosque of Mohammed Ali; from the heights admire a magnificent view of all Cairo. In the Egyptian Museum, marvel at the many antiquities including the treasures taken from the famous tomb

of Tutankhamen. Through the city streets and bazaars admire native craftsmen working as they did thousands of years ago in tiny shops nestled among the modern buildings of the metropolis.

**MEMPHIS:** The ancient capital city of Memphis was founded over five thousand years ago and you will see the colossal statue of Rameses II, the alabaster Sphinx and the Necropolis of Sakkara; the Step Pyramid and the Tombs of the Apis Bulls. Never to be forgotten will be the sight of the Pyramids of Giza, the only one of the Seven Wonders of the World yet to be found standing. Nearby is the timeworn but still dignified Sphinx.

#### *Lebanon*

**BEIRUT:** Beirut, the ancient Phoenician seaport in the Biblical land of Canaan, is now a bustling metropolis. See the American University, the National Parliament and Library Building and the Riviera-like shoreline skirting the sea. Drive out to Sidon, the northernmost point of the Holy Land where Jesus traveled. Visit the fortress-like Crusaders' Castle. Continue on to the village of Tyre in the area from which come the cedars of Lebanon.



*The Pyramids in Cairo, Egypt. (H. Armstrong Roberts)*



*The Walls of Jerusalem (Ewing Galloway)*

**BAALBEK:** In Baalbek, visit the Roman ruins and the great Temple of Jupiter-Baal, one of the world's architectural wonders.

#### *Syria*

**DAMASCUS:** The second oldest city in the world, Damascus, is on the edge of the desert where caravan trails lead to the Euphrates. In the morning we visit the House of Ananias, the Street called Straight, St. Paul's Wall and other spots of Biblical fame. We also visit the Omayyad Mosque, the tomb of Saladin and Azem Palace. There is time for the exotic bazaars, tiny shops for silverware, brass, brocades, and rugs. Damascus at night, with its teeming Arab life, is a page from the *Arabian Nights*.

#### *Jordan*

**JERUSALEM:** From the summit of the Mount of Olives, you will enjoy a wonderful panorama of the old walled city of Jerusalem. Visit the place of the ascension and the Garden of Gethsemane. Follow the path of Jesus on the night of His betrayal to the judgment hall of Pilate. Walk the Via Dolorosa, past the stations of the cross to Calvary and to the garden tomb. Visit the site of King Solomon's Temple where the Dome of the Rock now stands. Continue to Solomon's quarries and stables, the El Aksa Mosque and the Walling Wall.

**SAMARIA:** In the land of the Samaritans, we will see Jacob's Well where Christ talked to the woman of Samaria; Ahab's Palace is visited as well as Dothan where Joseph was sold by his brothers. We will follow the old Roman Road along which Saint Paul was taken to Caesarea for trial; pass through Antipatris and Beeroth where Jesus' family missed Him.

**BETHLEHEM:** Drive to Hebron past the shepherds' fields and visit the Mosque of the Patriarchs, the burial place of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. See Abraham's Oak, the pools of Solomon, and the Eschol grape country.

**DEAD SEA:** In Jericho, see the old walls of the city

and arid expanse of the Dead Sea. En route a stop will be made on the shore of the River Jordan at the Good Samaritan Inn; Bethany, with the House of Mary and Martha and the Tomb of Lazarus, will also be visited.

#### *Israel*

**JERUSALEM,** the new city: Israel is reached by crossing through the Mandelbaum Gate into the new city of Jerusalem. The sight-seeing begins with Mount Zion, the most ancient quarter of Jerusalem—embracing the Coenaculum (Room of the Last Supper), King David's Tomb, and then on to Mount Herzl, containing the remains of Theodor Herzl, father of this country. Descend on foot to the nearby War Memorial Cemetery. Drive to Ein Karim (birthplace of John the Baptist). View the new Hadassah Medical Centre. Continue to the famous Hebrew University. A visit will also be made to the Sanhedria Rock Tombs and Herod's Family Tomb.

**GALILEE:** A comprehensive tour of Galilee will include Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee (Lake Kinnereth). Drive along the lovely Sea of Galilee to Magdala (home of Mary Magdalene), the Plain of Genesareth; Tabgha (Church of the Loaves and Fishes); Capernaum (magnificent ruins of a synagogue of the Roman era—where Jesus preached and taught); Cana of Galilee (where Jesus performed His first miracle); Nazareth, the hometown of Jesus (Church of Annunciation, Church of St. Joseph, and the Well of Mary). Visits will also be made to Acre, Haifa, and Caesarea.

**TEL AVIV AND ASHKELON:** Visit the first all-Jewish city of modern times, Tel Aviv, driving through its busy main thoroughfares and residential areas. Continue to the ancient sister city of Jaffa, one of the world's oldest existing cities, going back some 3,500 years. Drive along the coastal road (Roman Via Maris), passing through miles of magnificent orange



*Zion Square, in "New Jerusalem," is the heart of Israel's capital. Though only a few hundred yards away, this bustling metropolis is centuries removed from the ancient walled city of Jerusalem in which are most of the Christian holy places. (Ewing Galloway)*



Camel Mart in Israel—Bedouin tribesmen huddle among their animals at the outdoor market in Beer-sheba, capital of Israel's Negev Desert.

groves to the model township of Ashkelon. Visit the famous antiquities area. Drive to Rehovot, home of the famous Weizmann Institute of Science and then via Rishonle-Zion to Tel Aviv.

For further information concerning reservations for this tour, you should contact Reverend A. M. Phillips, General Secretary-Treasurer, 922 Montgomery Avenue, Cleveland, Tennessee.



A view of the modern city of Tel Aviv, Israel, along its Mediterranean seashore.

## The Entertainment of Thoughts

By Adams T. Miles

**TEXT:** "The thought of foolishness is sin ..." Proverbs 24:9.

**J**O BEGIN WITH, what is thought? A thought is what one thinks, an idea, mental activity, or the power of thinking. I am sure you will agree that if a statistical survey were made pertaining to the mental activities of the people in the United States, you would find that what is professed to be and meant to be a God-fearing country is one that has turned into a frame of circumstances as that of Sodom and Gomorrah. How did we ever get in such a state of shameful circumstances? Because through the

power of thinking which brought forth the ideas that have made this country grow, humanity has omitted one vital statistic—that NO man can do anything successfully without God. If one thinks he can maneuver through this life without God's assistance or that he can adjust the Word of God according to his own standard of living, then why, may I ask, are we in such a corruptible state of affairs? In Matthew 6:27, Jesus said, "Which of you by taking **THOUGHT** can add one cubit unto his stature?"

As my text read, "The thought of foolishness is sin," let us look for a moment at the word *foolishness*. This type of thought is one that is senseless, unwise, silly and

ridiculous. I am sure I can place such type of thoughts as these in their rightful place by repeating the words of Jesus taken from Mark 7:22, 23: "Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, **FOOLISHNESS**: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man." Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 3:19, "For the wisdom of this world is **FOOLISHNESS** with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness." And in the twentieth verse of the same chapter, Paul also wrote: "And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain."

Beloved, let us mature our thinking into a manner that is pleasing to God. By this I mean to submit yourselves completely into God's hands. Then you will find that pure, loving, and considerate thoughts will generate from you. As Jesus said in John 7:38, "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." This day may God be with you, in you, and through you, is my humble prayer.

# **The Church of God in**

## **MONTANA**

By A. S. Yorkman

**I**N THIS great State of Montana we have many wonderful natural beauties to behold and enjoy. This state is known for its hunting and fishing, sports that men come from all parts of the country to enjoy. It is not unusual to drive along the highway and see the antelope and the deer feeding by the road side. The rivers and streams bring forth the abundance of the rainbow trout that is caught from the waters. The winters are cold with much snow in the higher elevations of the state. The lower parts have enough snow to know it is winter. The summer is not too long, but what we have of it we enjoy.

Our church work in this state is one of slow progress. One of the main causes is that we find it hard to get workers into this state. One must feel the call of God to a mission state and be willing to make sacrifices in order for the state to grow. In Montana there is indeed a harvest of souls to be brought in, but, again, I stress the need of workers to come and help us so that this can be realized.

In the past two years we have noticed a gain in membership and in our Sunday School and Y.P.E. departments. We thank God for the gain, but we have lost some members due to working conditions in our state. The improvements on church property throughout the state is one of great encouragement.

The church at Great Falls, where Rev. Clair Pearson is pastor, is one of our fastest growing churches. They have remodeled the basement for Sunday School rooms and have noticed a gain in their Sunday School. The amount spent on this remodeling was \$1,500. Plans are now under way to build a new parsonage.

Our church at Big Timber, Rev. Paul Seagraves pastor, has in the past two years built a new addition to the kitchen of their parsonage. In addition to the adding on of the kitchen, they have fixed the basement into a bed room, laundry room and storage room, and installed a new gas furnace.

The church in Missoula is one of our smallest works. Their pastor, Rev. Charles Evans, is a man with a vision. He saw the need for Sunday School rooms for the improvement of the church. With plans laid out he started to work. His members and friends helped to see this accomplished. The auditorium is completely remodeled with new pews, lights, and refinished floor. In the back of the church they have three Sunday School rooms, furnace room, and rest rooms. The

has taken new life, and the church is making good progress. May I also add that this is one of our largest churches in the state.

In the heart of Montana we have another church which is located at Lewistown. Here again is a small work, but the pastor, Rev. David Green, has done a fine job. With the few people he has, they purchased two forced-air furnaces, one for the main auditorium and one for the basement. They have also painted the interior of the parsonage.

I wish to add that all of the churches in our state have made some progress, but felt that our readers would be pleased to read of the greater improvements that have been made.

Now coming to the spiritual part of our churches I am sure you want to read about. I know the report I give will not be as big as our larger states but still is one to be encouraged about. The number of revivals held in the state was 22 with 108 saved, 47 sanctified, 10 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 40 baptized in water and 68 added to the church membership. I feel the results would have been greater if we had workers in

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### **MONTANA CAMP MEETING**

**E.U.B. Campground, Big Timber**

**July 14-17**

**Paul H. Walker, Bible Teacher**

**Paul H. Walker, Evangelist**

**H. D. Williams, Official Representative**

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cost of all this for material and labor was \$600. Labor was chiefly donated. The future of this church, located in the northwest corner of the state, looks brighter. We will be hearing more from them.

With the leadership of their fine pastor, Rev. David Barsness, the church at Billings has accomplished much in the past two years. The pastor saw the need of re-organizing the different departments of the church, and with the help of the Overseer has made this come to a reality. Since the re-organization every department

the state that could stay and help us.

The Ladies' Willing Workers' Band in the State of Montana is doing a fine work. There are only a few of them here. The ones that are active have really come through for their churches when they needed the help.

We are looking forward in the future for great progress to be made in our state.

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**A. S. Yorkman, Overseer of Montana,** is a native of Norway. Since beginning his ministry in 1942, he has pastored churches in Canada, West Virginia and Georgia.

**T**HIS IS our fourth year of work among the wonderful people of the New England States and we are happy to submit the following report.

#### **SPIRITUAL RESULTS**

In checking over the ministerial reports sent to this state office, I found that in the last nineteen months there were 2,281 sermons preached, 4,347 homes visited, 202 people converted, 85 sanctified, 73 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, 40 baptized in water, and 82 added to the church. In comparing these figures with the previous progress report, there were 64 more conversions, 55 more people sanctified, 54 more received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, 28 more were baptized in water, and 29 were added to the church. We believe this to be the direct result of the ministry and laity here becoming more conscious of the NECESSITY of personal witnessing for the Lord and a renewed consecration. To Him who is worthy be the glory!

#### **MATTAWAMKEAG, MAINE, BUILDS NEW PARSONAGE**

The pastor, Paul W. Floyd, and his faithful members and friends have built a modern six-room parsonage with bath and full size basement. It is valued at more than \$10,000 but there is now only \$3,500 indebtedness.

#### **PORTLAND, MAINE, BUYS PARSONAGE**

The Portland, Maine, congregation has purchased a nice two-family house only three blocks from their church. It is beautifully situated on a corner lot near Casco Bay. One floor will serve the pastor as parsonage and the other as an extra income.

#### **NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED AT NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT**

On January 20, 1960, a new church was organized at New Ha-

## **Progress Report of the NEW ENGLAND STATES**

*By George W. Ayers*

ven, Connecticut. Under the able leadership of its pastor, Robert Day, formerly of West Virginia, the church has already doubled its membership and in March paid \$409.94 in tithes, which is an all-time high for the New England States. The people there are enthusiastically working to make theirs the best in all departments of all the New England States!

#### **WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS, GETS BETTER BUILDING**

The church in Worcester, Massachusetts, was moved from a basement to a church building which was purchased complete with baptistry, pews, and other equipment.

#### **OTHER IMPROVEMENTS**

Lincoln Center, Maine, installed modern rest rooms in the church, which necessitated much digging

and other hard work to connect to water and sewer facilities. West Enfield, Maine, installed storm windows and doors. Medway, Maine, leveled the building and poured new concrete piers underneath, making the church more stationary. The Augusta, Maine, Church repaired the foundation and added a church rest room. Most of the other churches, as well as the state parsonage, have done some interior and exterior decorating. At the campground in Appleton, Maine, several hundred dollars worth of electrical work was done as well as other improvements made.

#### **SYSTEMATIC GIVING**

The New England States have a systematic way of providing for  
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*The Church Group at the New Church of God in New Haven, Connecticut*

### **NEW ENGLAND STATES CAMP MEETING Campground, Appleton, Maine**

**July 11-17**

**Paul L. Walker, Bible Teacher**

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George W. Ayers, Overseer of the New England States, began his ministry in 1936. He has pastored churches in Kentucky, Indiana, Canada and Maine. He served as Assistant Superintendent of the Home for Children in Sevierville, Tennessee, from 1952-1955. He has also served as Overseer of Central Canada before going to his present position in 1956.

# The Lord Has Done Great Things for Arkansas

By Brady Dennis

**A**RKANSAS is truly the "Land of Opportunity." The radiant opportunities presented spiritually, financially, and materially, have been seized and channeled into blessings for God and His Church.

Truly, the Lord hath done great things for us," and we are exceedingly grateful.

## SPIRITUAL RESULTS

The Lord has graciously visited our churches with many fine revivals; as well as giving us many blessed souls during regular services.

Recently, in a revival at the church at Earle, Arkansas, there were ten saved, five sanctified, nine baptized with the Holy Ghost, eight baptized in water, and ten united with the church. One man, who had been saved for fifteen years, received the Holy Ghost during this meeting.

Some time ago, in a revival at Peach Orchard, there were twenty-five saved, ten sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, and seventeen baptized in water.

Since our last report to the *Evangelist*, our records reveal that 2,221 have been saved, 638 have been sanctified, 556 filled with the Holy Ghost, 564 baptized in water, and 641 added to the church.

## FINANCIAL RESULTS

Dollars and cents cannot evaluate the great amount of good that has been achieved through the good people of Arkansas giving of their means to see the promotion of God's great cause.

In spite of the fact that Arkansas has suffered a great population decrease, the Church of God shows

a good financial increase in the various areas of its church work. The tithe of tithes has now increased to the extent that there is a surplus.

We have endeavored to set up a well-balanced missions program (home and foreign), along with our other national and state programs.

We feel that this will be the greatest year in the history of the state for home and foreign missions. Last year a total of \$5,809.10 was pledged for missions; while this year \$8,745.88 has been pledged. Over \$1,000 has already come into the state fund for missions from our district convention offerings. We trust that our final offering for missions will reach the \$10,000 mark.

## BUILDING PROGRAM

A number of new church properties have been built or purchased. Others have done major remodeling. Several churches are installing new pews, hardwood

floors and have made many other fine improvements.

Many of our church parsonages have been remodeled or redecorated. Also, a number have purchased furniture for their parsonages.

## SIX PARSONAGES ACQUIRED— OTHERS REMODELED

The following churches have purchased parsonages: *Hot Springs*, *West Memphis*, *North Blytheville* (Mission), and *Paragould*. *Pumpkin Bend* has built a nice cream tile parsonage to match the church building. A portion of the *Wynne* Church property is being used as a parsonage.

*Marked Tree* has remodeled and added to their parsonage, which has almost made it like a new house. *Mt. Olive* has added two rooms and a bath to the parsonage. *New Summit* has remodeled and redecorated the parsonage. *Little Rock* has completed three rooms in the upstairs of the parsonage. *Cherry Valley* has modernized the parsonage.

## FOUR NEW CHURCHES BUILT AND FIVE OTHER CHURCH PROPERTIES PURCHASED

*Fayetteville* has built a beautiful new church (basement), including four Sunday School rooms. They are now building the entrance (two-story) which will serve the basement and the main auditorium. Later, they will build the main auditorium. They are also veneering the building with beautiful broken-face brick. The Rev-



West Memphis Church of God

erend Darrell Froud is the pastor.

*West Memphis* has built a beautiful, modern brick church with Sunday School rooms, rest rooms, and nursery. The Reverend Charles L. Ivy is the pastor.

*Paragould* has built a lovely new church with Sunday School rooms and nursery with the assistance of the state overseer and ministers from the various parts of the state. The Reverend Stanley E. Sloan was the pastor at the time when the larger portion of the church was being built. The present pastor is the Reverend Wayne Cody.

*Caraway* has built a fine block church, 40 x 60. When completed, it will have five or more Sunday School rooms and a nursery. This work is a new church that came into the Church of God last fall. They have had as high as 106 in Sunday School recently. The Reverend Otis L. Luff is the pastor.

*Hughes* has purchased a house which has been remodeled for a church. This property includes a nice lot, just two blocks from the heart of town. The Reverend Joe Brazeal is the pastor.

*Peach Orchard*—The Trinity Pentecostal Church came into the Church of God, and gave the church property to the Church of God. This is a nice rural church in northern Arkansas.

*Wynne* purchased a fine piece of property, which includes a house now being used for a church, Sunday School rooms and parsonage. This property also includes a beautiful corner lot on which to build a church. The Reverend Merle E. Baker is the present pastor.

*North Blytheville*—The Emmanuel Church gave their church house and furnishings to the Church of God. We have purchased a lovely, modern four-room parsonage and a beautiful lot and



*West Memphis Parsonage*

have moved the church on it. The Reverend James McFall is the present pastor.

*Hot Springs* has purchased nice property which includes a building for the church; a modern four-room parsonage; and a rent house. Mrs. Margaret Heath is the present pastor.

#### **EIGHT MAJOR CHURCH REMODELINGS**

*Nettleton* has remodeled the Sunday School plant and added Sunday School rooms and rest rooms. The Reverend C. E. Sturch is the pastor.

*New Summitt* has remodeled and redecorated the church auditorium and has added a new Sunday School plant, rest rooms, nursery, pastor's study, and L.W.W.B. kitchen. They have approximately doubled their floor space. The Reverend John Best is the pastor.

*Little Rock* is in the process of remodeling the church auditorium and will add a fine new addition, which will include a Sunday School plant and L.W.W.B. kitchen. They will also have a nursery and rest rooms. They, too, will almost double their floor space. The Reverend E. W. Fowler is the pastor.

*Harrison* has remodeled and redecorated the church and Sunday School rooms. The Reverend Kyle Jefferson is the pastor.

*Mt. Olive* is stone veneering their church; this is greatly enriching the beauty of the building. Also, two rooms have been added. The Reverend J. P. Simms is the pastor.

*Malvern* has almost doubled the size of the church with a fine new Sunday School plant. The Reverend Carl E. Cody is the pastor.

*Benton* has completely remodeled and redecorated the church auditorium and has added Sunday School rooms and a rest room. The Reverend M. J. Terry is the pastor.

*Higden* church (as well as the parsonage) has been moved to New Higden. The church property is now undergoing a complete remodeling and will be very attractive upon completion. The Reverend Frank Bowers is the pastor.

#### **ADDITIONAL CAMPGROUND ACREAGE PURCHASED**

The State of Arkansas has recently purchased 4 3/4 more acres of land adjoining their campground, which will be a great asset to this property.

Other improvements on the campground property include the purchase and installation of a new sign, as well as other general improvements on the grounds and buildings. More seats have been purchased for the tabernacle. Also, the painting of the seats for the tabernacle has added much.

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### **ARKANSAS CAMP MEETING**

**Campground, Bald Knob**

**July 11-16**

**Wade H. Horton, Evangelist**

**James A. Cross, Official Representative**

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## **EIGHT NEW ACTIVE CHURCHES —TWO NEW MISSIONS**

Nine new churches have been organized, out of which eight are active. This group includes Wynne, Hot Springs, Paragould, West Memphis, Peach Orchard, Linden Chapel, Caraway, and Pangburn.

We have just purchased a fine church and parsonage in Jonesboro, which means that we have another new church building, new parsonage, and a new mission.

The other mission is located in North Blytheville.

Many of our new churches are moving forward with great strides. One example of the progress that is being made is clearly shown in our West Memphis Church.

### **WEST MEMPHIS**

When I came to Arkansas as overseer I realized the great need of a church in West Memphis. A tent revival was conducted and a mission opened. The progress was slow and trying.

A nice five-room house and two lots were purchased at 311 W. Bond Street, just one block off the main street in a nice residential section.

Soon after this, Brother Charles L. Ivy felt led of the Lord to resign his church in West Virginia and accept the pastorate of this new work.

In their first service (Sunday School) they had nine in attendance. At that time a large church building was being rented as a place of worship. However, after some time, the new church building was started, and they moved their church services into the parsonage. The attendance ran about twenty. The spiritual tide and enthusiasm grew with each passing week.

### **New Church**

They dug the footings for the new church building on February 14, 1959. The first service was held in the new unfinished building in April. They had seventeen in attendance. One year later they had sixty-two in attendance. The year's Sunday School average was fifty-five.

The church is a red brick veneer. It has two rest rooms, a nursery,

and two Sunday School rooms. It will also have a nice balcony or extra Sunday School room. The auditorium is 24 x 48, with a seating capacity of 150. The present building will serve as the small auditorium, after the large auditorium and Sunday School plant are built.

An extra lot was also purchased during this project.

### **Parsonage**

On December 13, 1959, the pastor moved into a lovely yellow-brick parsonage which adjoins the church lots. (The old parsonage beside the church will eventually be moved to make room for the large auditorium.) This fine parsonage has five spacious rooms and bath, as well as a two-room private apartment with bath. The rental from the old parsonage and the two-room apartment more than takes care of the payment on the new parsonage.

West Memphis has a total of four lots or 200 x 200. The total value of the property is \$35,000 and they owe less than \$16,000.

They are blessed with a group of fine people with ability to work. This group includes some very good carpenters. This church is solid and is a tithing church. Just watch them grow!

### **L.W.W.B.**

A great amount of credit is due our L.W.W.B.'s throughout the state, for they have in many cases helped to carry a large part of the financial load in many church projects, building and otherwise. May God bless them as they continue to render faithful service for His great cause.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL AND YOUTH DEPARTMENTS**

Arkansas has had ten new Sunday Schools (including branch Sunday Schools).

There has been an increase of eleven home extension departments, which means that we have doubled our home extension departments from eleven to twenty-two.

There have been 254 Workers' Training Certificates and thirty-eight Workers' Diplomas awarded.

In August of 1959, we broke our monthly Sunday School attendance record—from 14,255 to 15,047. Our Sunday School monthly offering record was also broken from \$1,977.02 to \$2,119.31.

Ten new Y.P.E.'s have been organized. We have an increase of twelve Lamplighter's Clubs. We have also had more than ten percent increase in our Y.P.E. offerings. The National Y.P.E. goal has been reached in our Y.P.E. attendance. We have 604 *Lighted Pathways* coming to the state and eighty copies of the *Pilot*.

Arkansas received both the Sunday School and Y.P.E. awards for our group at the last General Assembly.

### **FIRST EVANGELISM CONFERENCE**

Arkansas was honored in having the first Evangelism Conference in the nation, as sponsored by the National Evangelism Committee of the Church of God. With the Reverend Ray H. Hughes as chairman, ably assisted by the Reverend L. L. Turner and the Reverend Doyle Stanfield, members of the committee, the meeting was outstanding and very successful. It was one of the highlights of our recent church year.

This conference gave much needed schooling in the field of evangelism. It showed the need in the various areas of evangelism. It presented the challenge; and it gave the answer by showing how it could be done.

### **FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT**

There are many open doors of opportunity; and the future for the Church of God in Arkansas certainly looks bright. At present, there are several areas in which we trust that in the very near future we will have new churches.

As this article goes to press, we are in the process of purchasing a beautiful church in Osceola, which will mean a Church of God in another city in Arkansas.

### **IN APPRECIATION**

It would be an impossibility to enumerate all, or in detail, the many accomplishments of the Church of God in the State of

Arkansas for this period of time. *Spiritually*—God has saved and blessed many souls. *Financially*—God has supplied every need. *Materially*—God has prospered His people.

Words fail to express my deep appreciation for the fine cooperation of the ministers, laity and friends of the Church of God in Arkansas in making this report possible.

God has done great things for us, and to Him belongs the praise.

## NEW ENGLAND

(Continued from page 7)

our missions, giving for the upkeep on our campground, and other needs. Each Saturday, a youth rally and fellowship meeting is held somewhere in the New England States. The offerings in these are for the above mentioned purposes. The Home for Children and other specific needs are not forgotten by our churches either.

## SUMMING UP!

Though the New England States

are still considered missions states, there have been several definite accomplishments, some of which cannot be put on paper. God has blessed and established the work here in a greater measure. He has placed His divine approval on the youth work, especially in youth camp and the weekly youth rallies. We feel that the seed of the gospel has been planted on some good ground, and though in many cases we may have sown or watered, we are trusting God for the increase!



## ✓MILLION

Mrs. Lillie E. Million, wife of the late A. L. Million, was called to her reward on March 14, 1960, at the age of 79 years and 4 months. She is survived by 2 children, E. L. Million and Mrs. Inez Douglas, both of Cleveland and members of the Church of God.

Sister Million was converted in the first Pentecostal revival in Cleveland and has been a member of the North Cleveland Church of God for over 50 years. She worked at our Publishing House for 25 years. Though she had not been able to attend church since I have been here, the many wonderful things that I have heard about her make me sure that her consecrated and dedicated life has made a tremendous impact upon the church and community.

Our sympathy goes to those who remain and our gratitude goes to God for the assurance that she is with the Lord.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. A. M. Phillips and Rev. F. W. Goff at the North Cleveland Church of God.

—F. W. Goff, pastor

## ✓CAMPBELL

William E. Campbell, 64, passed away February 13, 1960, after an illness of several years. He has lived in Borger for about 22 years and was a member of the Church of God.

He is survived by his wife, Nora L. Campbell; 4 daughters, Mrs. J. B. Steely, Mrs. Woody W. Sullivan,

Mrs. R. E. Ringo, and Mrs. H. R. Aylor; 3 sons, Raymond E., Clinton M., and James H. Campbell; 16 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. —Rev. W. H. Shires, pastor

## ✓CLARK

Mrs. Mattie E. Clark, age 57, died September 13, 1959. She is survived by her husband, B. H. Clark, 3 sons, and 2 daughters.

Sister Clark was a minister in the Church of God for approximately 27 years. She served both as evangelist and pastor. The funeral was conducted by C. E. Taylor, Charlie Berryhill, and Brother Davis, pastor of the Lawrenceburg Church of God where the services were held.

—M. E. Roberson, reporter

## ✓JOHNSON

Mrs. Pauline Johnson, born on December 12, 1916, departed this life on March 17, 1960, in the Kaiser Foundation Hospital, Fontana, California. Sister Pauline was a loyal member of the Ontario, California, Church of God at the time of her death.

In her hours of suffering, she never complained but left a radiant testimony that she was ready to meet the Lord. Although she had not been a Christian for very long, she exerted a great influence that will never die. As long as her health permitted, she was faithful to attend the house of God and her

testimony of victory in Jesus was an encouragement to others.

Her funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Floyd L. McClung. Burial was in the Crestlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Arlington, California.

—Reporter

## ✓STEVENS

On February 13, an angel of the Lord came and took our dear Sister Georgann Stevens to her great reward. She was born January, 1884, and departed this life February 13, 1960. She was one of our charter members here in St. Cloud. She was faithful to the Lord till death. To meet her was to love her.

She leaves to mourn her passing, 2 sons, 4 daughters, and a host of friends and loved ones. We miss her so much, but we know our loss is heaven's gain.

—I. T. and Lena Williams, pastors

## ✓SEWELL

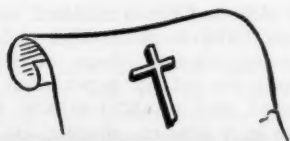
On March 20, 1960, Mrs. Miley Sewell, age 68, a faithful member of the Church of God, departed this life to be with the Lord. After much suffering from a long illness, her words were, "I'm ready to go." Sister Sewell has been, and will be, greatly missed by the church and many friends.

She was the wife of the late J. B. Sewell, Sr. She was a charter member of the Jesup Church of God and is widely known as a faithful church worker, having served for several years as president of the L.W.W.B. She was faithful in church finance and charity donations, and had sent money to build two churches in Haiti, as well as having supported home missions.

The funeral service was conducted at the Jesup Church of God by Rev. W. E. Wright, pastor, and Rev. M. B. Norris, former pastor.

The interment was in the Jesup Cemetery.

—Reporter



# testimonies

## ✓ God Is Real Everywhere

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—The blessings I receive when I read the inspiring testimonies in the *Evangel* are inexpressible.

Tonight as my cell-mate and I were reading them, the Spirit of God came upon Brother Bowlin and he felt led to pray for me. As we prayed, God touched my body and healed me. I had been afflicted for a number of years, due to 13 years of alcoholism. Never have we seen the Spirit so great and overwhelming in this little cell of ours.

When I came here 41 months ago, I found Jesus at the altar, here, in a Church of God service. When I felt the saving power of God, the sanctifying power of God, and the baptism of the precious Holy Ghost, it was the most wonderful experience that had ever taken place in my entire life. Glory to His wonderful name.

—Adams T. Miles

## ✓ Praises God for Healing

VIDALIA, Ga.—I would like to sound a note of praise to the good Lord for His healing power. I had such severe pains in my stomach that even to drink water would cause me to swell and cause pressure around my heart. I was so miserable that I could hardly work. I would just pray. Praise the Lord, He healed me! I want to serve Him the rest of my life.

Please pray that I can keep on the firing line for God. Also pray for my husband and children for they need God. —A sister in Christ

## ✓ Praises God for His Goodness

MONTREAL, Canada—I would like to praise the Lord and Saviour for His goodness to us during the years we have known Him as our personal Saviour. Many times Jesus was our physician. In 1953, I was suffering from rheumatism in

Russian prison camps where I had been for 5 years. I was a young convert and the devil tempted me very much with the thought that my sins were not forgiven and I should not believe God's Word. This was my hardest spiritual battle.

One night, before I went to bed, I prayed to Jesus that if my sins could not be forgiven, let me die. I did not want to live any longer as a sinner. In this moment it seemed to me that I heard a kind voice say, "My son, ask something as a sign that your sins are forgiven and I will give it to you." I knew that Jesus was speaking and I could not say very much. I only said, "Jesus, you know that I suffer from rheumatism." Then I went to bed.

That night I slept very well without pain. In the morning as I awoke, I did not have any pain in my arms as I always had before. Jesus healed me that night and I am still healed. Praise be to His wonderful name.

In October of 1959 when I came home one Friday from work, my wife told me that our oldest son could hardly hear. I spoke to him and he could hear me only if I spoke very loudly and if he could see my mouth as I said the words. My wife said that I should see a physician. I said, "Yes, we must do so." But in the evening as I opened my Bible, my eyes fell on 2 Chronicles 16 where King Asa did not seek the Lord but rather the physicians. I wanted to trust the Lord for my son's healing, so I began to fast and pray. Hallelujah, our Waldie was healed after 2 days; Jesus was the physician. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever!

—Arnold Nickel

## ✓ Gives Thanks to God

BRISTOL, Va.—I want to thank God for touching my body and making me able to walk again. I still suffer quite a bit, but I can walk again. Thank the Lord.

—Mrs. Vernie Tillmon Shankle

## ✓ God Gloriously Heals Patient With Cancer

RIVERSIDE, Calif.—I was reared by a Christian mother, one who knows how to pray and have God answer her prayers. But I was one who demanded things my way. Nor did I want to pay the price for full consecration. I wanted to do like other people, so I slowly drifted away from God, although I never ceased praying and asking God to answer prayer for me. And He so wonderfully did many times. Yet when mother asked me to attend church with her, I still refused.

Over four years have passed since I became ill, gradually growing worse until I began to hemorrhage. I consulted a doctor who said my trouble was probably cancer and told me to go to the hospital for three weeks, get my strength back, then they would operate and I would be all right again. I did not want that, so I went to Fresno to Brother Oral Roberts' meeting, but was hindered from the services there by being called home immediately. But God did help me. I was able to care for my father-in-law who was gravely ill and demanded care as a small baby would. I was very thankful I could do so, but it proved to be too much for me. Besides the worry of seeing a loved one so sick, the constant care night and day got me to the place that I could stand it no longer. We were also operating a motel and the day and night work was strenuous.

Every time I would plan to go to the hospital, I was hindered. I kept praying and asking God for strength to carry on. I knew God wanted to heal me if I could ever get to the place before Him He desired for me.

At last one day I just collapsed and fell to the floor. The doctor said he did not know what kept me alive. He also said that I was badly eaten with cancer and wanted to rush me to the hospital. I still refused, though I was steadily growing worse. I was still hemorrhaging when the doctor said that if I did not go to the hospital, take four pints of blood, and undergo surgery, he could no longer treat me. He said that I could not stand another hemorrhage and live, and he did not care to have a dead patient on his hands.

My mother prayed and had the church folk to come and pray. They continued to pray during the three months I was in bed.

Mother stayed with me as long as she could; then she took me to her home to care for me. Mother is quite old, but God surely helped her with her burden. Every time I would hemorrhage, she would call the church and they would pray until I would get better. Many times

they thought I was breathing my last and I became so weak I could scarcely turn myself in bed. I could not retain food nor drink and all day Christmas when others were feasting, I did not have a bite to eat. Nothing stayed on my stomach.

Mother missed church services caring for me. My pain was so severe my mother and my husband could scarcely stand by me longer and see such suffering when there was nothing they could do for relief.

A revival was started at the Church of God where mother is a member. Rev. Don Johnson from Sacramento was the evangelist. Mother is faithful in attendance unless hindered by illness. I could look in her face and know she longed to be in those meetings. I knew she was doing a deed of love for me, but I also knew she loves her God more than she loves life itself.

On January 6, 1960, I told my mother if I had a way home that I would go; then she could go to church. Immediately my sister called and when she learned I wanted to return home, she came and took me. Mother hated to see me go and she must have prayed all day for me. She phoned in the afternoon and told me if I would go to church, God would heal me. That night they took me to church sitting on a pillow with a blanket over me. When I arrived at church, they had an easy chair awaiting me. I was so weak, I had to be held to move about and could scarcely sit in the service. I had passed beyond the help of medical science and I knew it.

The Spirit of God was manifested mightily in the service and the anointing of God rested on many who were praising Him. One sister, Mrs. Arlis Sharp, was led to me and the message God gave her was these words: "Have I not formed thee of the dust of the earth, and breathed in thee the breath of life? Believest thou not that I am able to heal thee? All things are possible if thou wilt believe, for I am the Lord thy God that healeth thee." Then she placed her hands upon me and immediately she fell to the floor. My pain left when her hands were placed on me and I not only felt but knew God had done the work.

I stayed for the rest of the service. Having had nothing to eat for so long, I was suddenly aware of a great appetite. On our way home, we had hamburgers and hot chocolate. I have not vomited once since. I eat anything I want.

The next day the cancer began to pass from my body, proving God's words were true and He can do anything if we will only believe. Being so happy with my healing, I cannot praise God enough for

His great deliverance. All I know to tell others is to believe God means what He says. He will do what He promises and He fails us never.

—Laura Piper

#### ✓ Praises God for Healing

MOUNTAIN CITY, Ga.—Last Christmas night I was having severe pains in my chest. I have had these for sometime, but never that bad. I was in such pain that I could not pray. My mother was visiting me. She prayed the prayer of faith and the Lord wonderfully healed my body.

Pray for me that I will always be faithful and do the Lord's will.

—Mrs. Paul Wooten

#### ✓ God Is a Wonderful Healer

EAST CORINTH, Maine—Some time ago I had a severe pain in my side which persisted for a number of days. The doctor said I ought to go to the hospital for X rays. The more I thought about it, the less I wanted to go. So I went to my knees and told the Lord about it and asked Him to heal me so I would not have to go. The next day it stormed so hard that I could not go anyway. Now I am feeling fine. I know the Lord healed me. Praise His name. He is a wonderful healer. He has healed me so many times and to Him be all the glory.

—Mrs. A. E. Grindell

#### ✓ Praises God for Healing Son

BENTON HARBOR, Mich.—We would like to give praise to God for healing our young son. For the first six months of his life, we had him in and out of the hospital constantly. He had to stay under an oxygen tent all the time in order to live. The doctor said he could do nothing more for the baby.

We asked our pastor to help us pray for our son. After having put him in another hospital, we were able to take him home after five days. He is now two years old and doing fine. Praise His name!

—Kermit Robinson

#### ✓ Appreciates God's Love and Mercy

CALHOUN, Ga.—For the past 6 months, I have been going through a terrible experience. I had to go to a mental hospital in October and stayed 6 weeks. When I came home, I thought I would have to go back. All I could see was darkness and fear. I wrote to the *Evangel* for prayer and had our pastor, Brother C. H. Chambley, to pray for me

several times. For the first 2 or 3 times I had prayer, I seemed to get worse. I know that was the enemy making me doubt.

Last Monday we had prayer again and it seemed God just picked me up and lifted me out of despair. I thank God for His wonderful healing power and for His great love and mercy. Pray for me that I will live a holy and consecrated life for Him and that I may lead my husband to Christ.

—Mrs. Rembert C. Shope

#### ✓ Praises God for Continued Blessings

TAYLORSVILLE, N. C.—I want to praise the Lord for His healing power. Last winter when I was sick with the flu, God healed me. He has healed many times in my home. About 7 years ago, he healed me of stomach trouble and a heart condition. I would not be here today if God had not healed me. I do praise Him! He has been so good to me.

Pray for me that I will live true to God.

—Mrs. M. G. Elder

#### ✓ God Instantly Heals

WIMAUMA, Fla.—We praise God for the way He has healed us. My wife fainted and fell across the edge of the tub last year. As I went to her, I called on the Lord with all my soul and He spoke to me saying, "I am right here." His voice was so clear and plain that I turned to see Him but His presence was all I needed. Immediately, I asked Him to heal her and in a little while she raised her head and said, "What happened to me?" I told her that the Lord was right there with us so she did not suffer any more from that.

Not long ago a sore place came in my right lung and kept getting worse. It would hurt me to try to sleep and I would feel it as I would raise my right arm. Sometimes even to breathe was painful. I told my wife, "Let's pray. God can heal me of this trouble." I tell you, God healed me then and there. It has been about three weeks now since then and I am still well. Thank God for His healing power. Thank God for keeping us day by day.

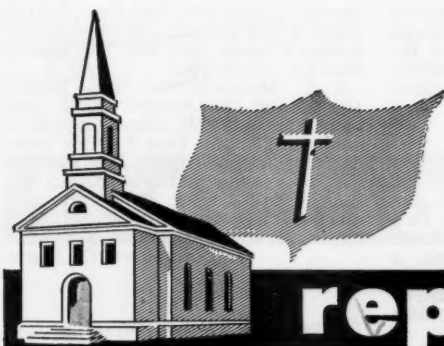
—J. H. Baldree

#### ✓ God Helps in Time of Need

AUGUSTA, Ga.—About a year ago I was suffering from a mental condition, possibly a nervous breakdown. Praise His name, the Lord has helped in a wonderful way and I feel so much better.

Pray for my family to be drawn closer together.

—Mrs. G. L., a sister in Christ



## reports

### "Evangel" Responsible for Family's Being in Church



ELIZABETHTON, Tenn. — The above picture is of a family in our church that was brought to the Church of God directly through the influence of the *Church of God Evangel*. In 1935, Brother S. M. Estep was working in the North American Rayon Corporation in Elizabethton. One of his fellow workers began to bring the issues of the *Evangel* to him. Prior to that time they had not known of the Church of God. Sister Estep has testified that she began to read the good sermons, testimonies, and reports in the *Evangel* and she was attracted more and more to the church which published such a wonderful message. They started attending the church here and in 1937 Brother and Sister Estep joined the Church of God. In 1950, Carl, the eldest son, and his wife, Eunice, joined the Church of God and today two of their children

are members. Later, another son, Roy, and his wife joined the church, and not long ago one of their children, Wayne, was received into the fellowship of the church. The youngest son, Floyd, and his wife, Frances are both members of the church.

Brother S. M. Estep is a trustee of the church; Sister Estep teaches the Ladies' Bible Class; Carl is clerk of the church; Roy is a Sunday School teacher; Floyd has served as Sunday School secretary and president of the Y.P.E. All are faithful tithe payers. No family is more faithful to the Church of God in Elizabethton than the Esteps. They contribute presently fourteen to the Sunday School attendance and twelve are members of the church—all because someone gave them the *Church of God Evangel*.

—Louis H. Cross, pastor

### Sunday School and Youth Promotional Meetings

"I have never seen a crowd of God's people so eager for a meeting to begin," said Brother Wallace Swilley as he looked into the faces of the people gathered into the Tifton Church of God waiting to learn

more ways of working for God. From the first song at 2:30 p.m. until the very last, God's presence and power were there. Brother H. V. Fowler, host pastor, had everything in readiness with his wife and the Ladies' Willing Workers' Band in charge of refreshments.

The lectures of Brother Polen,

National Sunday School and Youth Director, and Brother Swilley, state director, were some of the best on how we are to do the job for the church and our youth. The entire program was geared to limelight every phase of the Sunday School and Y.P.E. The panel discussion was excellent, with our youth giving a good account of themselves on the subject of their conduct under various conditions.

Though space is limited, I must mention the great sermon by Brother Polen on the subject, "We Have a Vacancy," which challenged our hearts. He expounded the truths to us that there are vacancies for consecrated, praying, fire-baptized, soul-loving workers in the church who know the importance of their jobs and will take time to work for and with God. At the conclusion of his message, he asked that we dedicate our lives to winning the lost to Christ through our Sunday Schools and Y.P.E.'s. While the great crowd prayed with tears running down their cheeks, the presence of God was so blessed to us.

Though the weather was very rainy and cold, extra chairs were placed in the auditorium for the night service to take care of the people. Everyone left with greater determination to be laborers together with God.

Let me report one more outstanding project—a wonderful dinner—and thank Sister H. V. Fowler, our hostess, for her hospitality.

—Hubert S. Norris, pastor  
Valdosta, Georgia

### Church Abundantly Blessed by God

N. CHICAGO, Ill.—The North Chicago Church of God was set in order on August 8, 1954, on North Clifton Avenue by Rev. Joel Brown, district pastor. Rev. A. L. West was pastor of the new church. The infant church had 6 members at that time. Brother James Brinkley was selected as clerk, which position he still holds. The new church soon started to grow, and as new people moved into the district, the church became a great soul-saving center for men and women, boys and girls. Brother West soon found the building was too small. The Assembly rolled around, and a new pastor came to North Chicago Church of God. Rev. J. E. Steele in a short while moved the church from Clifton Avenue to 1149 Wilson Avenue, and continued there until September 1, 1958. At that time there were 52 members. The Lord is still blessing.

On the first day of September, 1958, Brother and Sister Friedley came to pastor our church. We believe God surely sent them to us because our church has been great-

ly blessed by messages from both Brother and Sister Friedley and the great outpouring of the Spirit. We have gained 40 members, and we are greatly blessed in every service. The prayer meeting on Wednesday night is a great inspiration to everyone who attends.

On August 23, 1959, we incorporated under the name of the North Chicago Church of God. God has now made it possible for us to purchase a church building at 1527 West Edgewater Street for the sum of \$10,425.00. This sum includes a large pipe organ and pews.

We now have 94 members and are expecting God to bless us with many more. With God's help there is no stopping or letting up for the North Chicago Church of God.

—James Brinkley, clerk

### Nearly Every Department Progressing

OAK HILL, W. Va.—The church is happy to report that progress is being made in nearly every department under the able leadership of our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister W. R. Baker, formerly of Lanett, Alabama. Brother and Sister Baker have really been a blessing since coming to the church. The Baker family are all talented singers. Sister Baker has been a great blessing to our young people. She has organized a youth choir which sings regularly every Sunday morning. The children are very enthusiastic and eagerly fill the choir.

We are completely redecorating our parsonage. Two bedrooms have been painted, and the bathroom and study have been redecorated. The basement of the parsonage, which is used for Sunday School rooms and the L.W.W.B. kitchen, has been painted and redone. As soon as the cement floor is poured, the basement will be completed. This work and the materials used have been donated by friends and members of the church, for which we are very grateful. There are still many things to do, but we thank God for our accomplishments thus far.

God is blessing in each of our services and we plan a revival very soon. Several Sunday nights the Holy Ghost has taken charge and God has blessed in a mighty way. Our Y.P.E., one of the few Silver Shield Y.P.E.'s in the State, is growing and much is being accomplished under the leadership of our Y.P.E. president, Mrs. June Smith. The L.W.W.B. is also getting back to work. They are meeting twice a month and planning various things. Our Sunday School, although hampered by the bad weather for the

past month, is on the increase. Along with the visitation program led by our Sunday School superintendent, Brother Roy Smith, we are also in a contest to increase our attendance. Continue to pray for us at Oak Hill.

—Reporter

### Church Receives New Members

PASADENA, Texas—On Sunday night, April 10, the Pasadena Church of God experienced one of the most spirit-filled services it had ever been privileged to have. Service began in the usual manner but the further we progressed the more the old-time power of God was felt.

God blessed and the Holy Ghost moved in such a mighty way that there was no preaching. Under the direction of the Holy Ghost, the altar invitation was made. Two were gloriously saved and sanctified. With the Spirit still moving and working in our midst, people all over the building were being edified and drawn closer to God. In the midst of all of this, God moved on the hearts of people who had been attending this church for some time to unite with the church. Five stepped out and lined up at the altar to unite with the Church of God. God's Spirit settled upon us in a greater way than before. We accepted these into the church and gave them the right hand of fellowship. After doing this, the Spirit, not being satisfied, again began to work, and two more made their way up and united with the church. Some of these had said they would never join the Church of God; but, thank God, the Spirit of God can change people's minds. We praise God for this new help and support that we have received for the church here.

—Wiley W. Miller, pastor

### Sunday School and Youth Promotional Meeting

On February 29, 1960, the doors of the North Rome Church of God were opened to the Regional Sunday School and Youth Convention. As the designated hour (6:30 p.m.) for the evening service arrived, one could look around and see the many friends from the neighboring districts gathering in for the final session of the convention.

As our youth director, Brother Swilley, called the service to order, the church was practically filled, which was an exceptionally large crowd for such an early hour. The devotional for the evening was very inspiring. As the choir began to sing the first song, "Jesus Is All to Me," followed by choruses with the congregation, all were uplifted

and the presence of God was felt assuring us the service was being guided by the divine Spirit of God.

By this time the church was filled beyond its capacity. At 7:00 p.m. a very interesting skit, "The Right Way and the Wrong Way" for a church to enlist the officers and teachers of the Sunday School in a teachers' training program was enacted.

One of the highlights of the evening was a panel discussion on "Christian Youth and Dating." Young people gave their views on different questions asked them by our National Youth Director, Brother O. W. Polen. I believe I can say that everyone, not just the youth but the old people as well, enjoyed this discussion more than words can express.

Then it was time for the workshops. The congregation could choose any of the three classes offered, "Keeping the Sunday School Alive," "Come With Me as I Prepare to Teach," and "The Church Provides for Its Youth."

The bell rang telling us it was time to return to the auditorium for the message of the evening. Brother Polen did a marvelous job in delivering the message, "There Is a Vacancy." He made us realize just what little we are doing in bringing the youth to Christ. My heart was crushed as I thought of how negligent I was as an individual in trying to win them to Him. As the message was brought to a close, all the church workers who possibly could made their way to the altar for a rededication of their lives for His great cause. The convention was adjourned, but our hearts and minds will never be closed as to what this service did for us.

When most people think of a convention of this type, they think of dry, boring lectures. This was far from that. Hundreds of people came but some did not. Should you be one of those who thought that a service of this type would be of no help to you, let me urge you to attend one of these conventions if and whenever it comes your way again.

This convention of 1960 is past and gone but its benefits will never be forgotten. I will be looking forward to the next of its kind.

I think every person who attended will join me in saying, "Hats off to Brother Polen and Brother Swilley for this wonderful, informative convention."

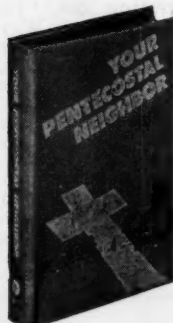
—F. M. Moore, Jr.  
Layman, Rome, Georgia

Usually a friendly tone and firmness of purpose can accomplish as much as scoldings, and the home is happier.—THE CHRISTIAN PAR-  
ERY, Glen Ellyn, Illinois

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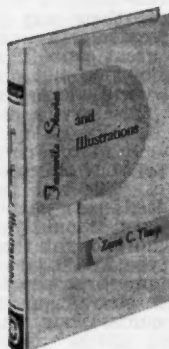
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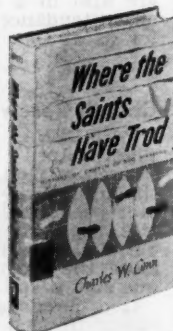
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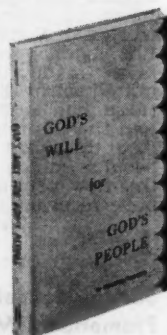
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